

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-20 were previously canceled.

Claims 32-34 are canceled herein.

Claims 31 and 35 have been amended.

The amendment of Claims 31 and 35 is supported by original Claims 5-18, previously presented Claim 34, and the specification (for example, at page 22, line 23 to page 23, line 22).

No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 21-31 and 35 are active in this application.

The rejections of: (a) Claims 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ruggeri et al in view of Simonet et al; and (b) Claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ruggeri et al in view of Simonet et al and Foster et al, are respectfully traversed.

The partial protein of glycoprotein Iba chain recited in the amended claim 31 is a protein which consists of amino acid residues 1-319 of glycoprotein Iba chain. Such partial protein is not disclosed or suggested in any of Ruggeri et al, Simonet et al, and Foster et al. Therefore, Applicants submit that the chimeric protein which consists of an Fc region of immunoglobulin molecule fused at its amino terminus to such partial protein at its carboxy terminus is not obvious from the disclosure of Ruggeri et al in combination with the disclosure of Simonet et al.

Also, the kit as claimed in the amended claim 35 which comprises such chimeric protein is not obvious from the disclosure of Ruggeri et al in combination with the disclosures of Simonet et al and Foster et al.

Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

The rejection of Claims 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended the claims to specifically address the Examiner's criticisms relating to the use of the phrases "which consists of" and "partial protein comprising".

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The specification has been amended to update the status of the parent application (US 09/673,245) to indicate that it has now issued as US 6,878,811.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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